

Claim Amendments:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A test kit for detecting a target polynucleotide in a test sample, said test kit comprising a container containing at least one polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5 and the complete complements thereof.

11. (Currently amended) A purified polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5 and the complete complements thereof.

12. (Original) The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide is produced by recombinant techniques.

13. (Original) The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide is produced by synthetic techniques.

14. (Previously presented) The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a sequence encoding at least one epitope.

15. (Currently amended) A recombinant expression system comprising a nucleic acid sequence operably linked to a control sequence compatible with a desired host, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5 and the complete complements thereof.

16. (Original) A cell transfected with the recombinant expression system of claim 15.

17-24. (Canceled)

25. (Allowed) A method for producing a polypeptide comprising at least one epitope, said method comprising incubating host cells under conditions sufficient to produce a polypeptide, wherein said host cells have been transfected with an expression vector containing a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 17.

26-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a purified polynucleotide wherein said polynucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5 and the complete complements thereof.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) The test kit of claim 10 further comprising a container with tools useful for collection of said samples, wherein the tools are selected from the group consisting of lancets, absorbent paper, cloth, swabs and cups.

36-37. (Canceled)

38. (Allowed) A purified polynucleotide which codes for a polypeptide which comprises an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 17.

39-55. (Canceled)